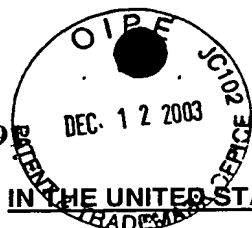


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PATENT
Docket No. PD-200114
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

 In re Application of:
 DONALD C. D. CHANG ET AL.

Serial No. 09/655,498

Filed: September 5, 2000

 FOR: CONCURRENT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A
 USER TERMINAL AND MULTIPLE STRATOSPHERIC
 TRANSPONDER PLATFORMS

Date: December 12, 2003

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for _____ months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated
 _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

 _____ An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of
 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Fee \$ _____
 Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

☒ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE		ADDITIONAL FEE	
80	minus	80*	=	0	x	\$ 18.00		\$ 0.00	
15	minus	15**	=	0	x	\$ 86.00		\$ 0.00	
				0	x	\$ 290.00		\$ 0.00	
FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$ 0.00	

 Charge **\$ 0.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. **This form is submitted in triplicate.**

Respectfully submitted,

 Vijayalakshmi D. Duraiswamy, Registration No.: 31,505
 Attorney for Applicant(s)

Also enclosed: IDS w/fee, PTO-1449 & copies of references

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Date: December 12, 2003

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